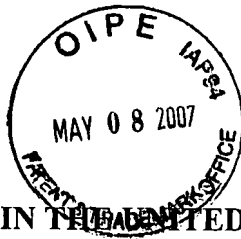


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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants object to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, for at least the following reasons.

First, by parsing the claim as the Examiner has done, there is a danger that insufficient weight will be given to the claim as a whole, which is the proper approach to determining whether a claim is patentable. The Examiner's parsing approach potentially casts aside the issue of modification by or combination with other prior art, for which there must be some suggestion in the art. Applicants submit that each claim should be considered in its entirety, without picking and choosing limitations allegedly in the prior art.

Second, in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner has not quoted the claims accurately. Applicants submit that the claims are patentable based on their exact language.

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Finally, Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the fair teachings of the prior art, as set forth in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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